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SUBJ: THE OAU AND THE SUDAN DISPUTE

1. COMMENTING ON NIMEIRI'S JAN 30 STATEMENT TO PRESS EXPRESSING SUDANESE SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT ERITREA, OAU ASST SEC GEN FOR POL AFFAIRS PETER ONU STATED THAT THE OAU DOES NOT FAVOR SECESSIONS OF TERRITORY FROM ETHIOPIA OR ANY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY, BUT THAT DID NOT MEAN IT COULD NOT SUCCEED IN THIS INSTANCE. IN ORDER FOR OAU TO BE ABLE TO CONSIDER MATTER, HOWEVER, ETHIOPIA WOULD HAVE TO INTRODUCE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY ISSUE AS FORMAL AGENDA ITEM IN LOME. HE POINTED OUT THAT ETHIOPIA HAD IN PAST BEEN RELUCTANT TO DO SO FOR REASONS OF ITS OWN, BUT EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO INTERNATIONALIZE PROBLEM NOW. OTHERWISE, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT BY TIME IT REACHED OAU, ORGANIZATION MIGHT BE FACED WITH FACT ACCOMPLI. ONU PREDICTED THAT IF ETHIOPIA LODGED COMPLAINT IN OAU ON BASIS OF VIOLATION OF
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TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SHE WOULD HAVE SUPPORT OF ALMOST ALL AFRICAN STATES.

2. ASKED WHAT STEPS OAU COULD TAKE TO SOFTEN ETHIO-SUDANESE DISPUTE, ONU SAID ORGANIZATION COULD EXERT INFLUENCE ON BOTH COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFICULTIES PEACEFULLY. HE NOTED THAT ADMIN

SECGEN ETEKI MBOUMOUA HAD ALREADY SPOKEN TO ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO IN THIS REGARD. MOREOVER, ONU SAID, OAU WAS ALSO IN POSITION TO TRY TO GET ELF AND PLF TO COME TO SOME AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF AUTONOMY WITHIN CURRENT ETHIOPIAN BOUNDARIES. HE INDICATED THAT IF ERITREA IS DISCUSSED AT LOME, NEITHER ELF OR PLF WOULD BE PERMITTED TO STATE THEIR CASES BEFORE COUNCIL. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NOTHING TO PREVENT THEM FROM LOBBYING, IF TOGO WERE WILLING TO ISSUE VISAS TO THEIR REPS.

3. TURNING TO SUDAN'S EFFORTS TO HAVE SITE OF OAU MOVED AWAY FROM ADDIS ABABA, ONU DISCOUNTED LIKELIHOOD THAT OAU MEMBERSHIP WOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO REQUEST BASED SOLELY ON BILATERAL GRIEVANCES. IF, ON OTHER HAND, OTHER OAU MEMBERS WITH NO SPECIFIC AXE TO GRIND AGAINST ETHIOPIA SHOULD PRESS FOR MOVING HQS ON GROUNDS THAT SECURITY OF OAU STAFF AND REPS WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY REMAINING IN ADDS, SUCH ARGUMENTS WOULD RECEIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. FOR MOMENT, HE SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF LATTER POSSIBILITY, DESPITE RECENT VIOLENT EVENTS IN ETHIOPIA.
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